

REMARKS

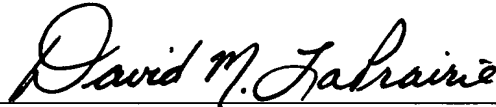
After entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-29 remain in the application with claim 1 in independent form. More specifically, in this amendment, claims 1, 3, 6, 8-11, 13, 15-18, 20-23 and 25-28 have been amended, claim 29 has been added, and claims 2, 4, 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, and 24 remain unchanged. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned attorney.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge our deposit account no. 08-2789 for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David M. LaPrairie", is written over a horizontal line.

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